

August and the beginning of September already have been marked by a series of reverses which will be increased when the final reports are received, says a Petrograd dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

This statement, issued at the Russian capital, is an official reply to the Vienna report denying Russian claims to large captures.

**Russians Retreat Eastward.**

PETROGRAD, September 21, via London.—The withdrawal of the Russians from Vilna eastward instead of southward is authoritatively interpreted here as proof that the German cavalry has been unable seriously to impede the Russian retreat. Passing Oshmyany and Soly the Russians are now passing over the crossings over the Viliya river under conditions regarded as favorable. The Germans in their pursuit of the Russian army are only as far as the Mershanke river.

The Russians not only have destroyed the bridges, culverts and tunnels along the railroad line, but the roadbed itself where it passed through the marshes. It is assumed the Germans are now operating in three directions, Dvinsk, Lida and Molochevo, aiming at a general junction at Minsk with forces at Slonim.

**Mayor of Vilna Named.**

BERLIN, September 20, via London, September 21.—The appointment of Mayor Pohl of Tilsit as mayor of Vilna has been announced. This announcement, following so quickly on the capture of Vilna, is regarded here as showing the certainty with which the Germans counted on taking Vilna, and the German progress according to the schedule of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's campaign.

## ATTACK ON SERBIA BEGUN BY TEUTONS

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terms by which Bulgaria may secure the recession of Macedonia. It is understood that the allies' joint note of last week was accompanied by a verbal request to M. Radosloff, the Bulgarian premier, for a reply "at the earliest possible date."

**Opposition Leaders See King.**

SOFIA, Bulgaria, September 19, via Berlin to London, September 21 (6 p.m. in transmission).—The Narodni Prava, the government organ, discussing the conference between leaders of the opposition and King Ferdinand, says:

"The leaders of the opposition did not behave properly in the presence of the king."

Concerning the conference, the opposition organ says: "We are unable to obtain a comforting report on the audience. The government is going its own way, instead of the national way."

Leaders of the opposition are said to have obtained from King Ferdinand assurances that Bulgaria is absolutely free from any obligations to either of the belligerent groups, and that the fullest attention is being given by Bulgaria to the proposals of the triple entente and central powers alike. This in addition to being the wish of the opposition, also is the desire of the general public.

**To Continue Negotiations.**

The opposition leaders were assured that the government had absolutely no intention to rupture the purporters, which are still going on with both groups of belligerents, and that the government would not undertake anything without studying the situation carefully and without consulting parliament.

At a propitious moment, it was added, a national coalition would be formed, to consult of parliament and the formation of a coalition ministry, and the main objectives of the opposition leaders.

The result of the conference between the king and the leaders is considered in competent circles here as having been entirely satisfactory.

## CHARGES OF LABOR DECLARED UNFAIR

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At its meeting last night in Typographical Temple the Central Labor Union adopted by unanimous vote a resolution introduced by George Myers, delegate from the Carpenters' Union, condemning the Chamber of Commerce because of the chamber's action, as set forth in the resolution, in awarding contracts for the erection of reviewing stands for the G. A. R. parade to out-of-town contractors.

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce today said that the action of the Central Labor Union was taken under a radical misapprehension of the facts, and that the citizens' committee, not connected with the chamber in any way, had awarded contracts for only two reviewing stands, and that the contract went to a local firm. The other stands, it was stated, were built by persons or societies which made the highest bid for the privilege, just as other concessions were let. This course was taken by the citizens' committee in charge of arrangements for the G. A. R. encampment and the grand review, it was stated, for the purpose of raising funds with which to defray expenses attendant upon the entertainment of the visiting veterans.

**C. L. U. Officials Decline Comment.**

Officials of the Central Labor Union today declined to comment on last night's action save to say that the condemnatory resolution was adopted. The resolution in question, which members of the Chamber of Commerce and of the citizens' committee assert was adopted through a misunderstanding of actual facts regarding the awarding of stands, sets forth that inasmuch as those in charge of the letting of contracts for the stands and platforms had given the contracts for the work to out-of-town concerns, all union men were urged to refrain from bidding for any of the stands, and that they were also urged to use all their influence in denouncing the action, as well as members of their families, to refuse to patronize the stands.

Several speakers, including E. L. Tucker of the machinists' union, who is president of the Central Labor Union and the union's delegate to the Chamber of Commerce, Harry Hollohan of the carpenters' union, and others, spoke in support of the boycott resolution and in denunciation of the action of the Chamber of Commerce in giving preference to outside concerns over local builders in awarding of contracts.

At last night's meeting the call for the thirty-fifth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held in San Francisco the week of November 8, was read, and Newton A. Freeman, was chosen to represent the Central Labor Union at the convention. A special committee of the union was to be chosen this week to canvass for support of the movement in favor of free text books in the Washington high schools.

## DIFFICULT TO MEET DEMAND FOR FLAGS

**Citizens Who Are Planning for G. A. R. Encampment Overwhelmed With Requests.**

## ARRANGING FOR SERVICES OF HIGH SCHOOL CADETS

**Probable Detail of Boys to Assist at Camp Emery—Meetings of Committees.**

Officially there's a flag famine in Washington. The citizens' committee and its subcommittee, the flag committee, are overwhelmed with requests for the use of the flags that can be released by the War Department and the Navy Department from its various navy yards, is unable to meet the requests of many merchants who desire to wrap their buildings in the national colors for the Grand Army encampment.

Thomas Grant, secretary of the committee, is keeping the wires hot today trying to borrow from Baltimore and other cities all the flags that they can spare. Baltimore, it is said, has as large supply of municipally owned flags as any place in the country, having recently used them for the Star Spangled Banner and Flag day celebrations.

Although the flag headquarters in the Bond building were opened only yesterday, there but about 400 of the smaller sized flags remaining to be distributed. An illustration of how the supply has run far short of the demand is the case of the Berberis, who made requisition for 200 large flags for the decoration of 7th street, which requisition he has been unable to have filled.

## High School Cadets to Assist.

The part that the high school boys of Washington will take in the encampment is the subject of a conference this afternoon between Supt. of Schools Thurston and Chairman Gude of the citizens' committee.

It is possible that several hundred members of the cadet organization wearing uniforms will be released from school to assist in the important work of registering the veterans at Camp Emery.

Col. John McElroy received word from the White House today that President Wilson is unable to grant the request for the release from their duties in the various government departments of 100 members of the Spanish War Veterans, in uniform, who could aid in the work of registration and as guides, and in handling the big crowd at Camp Emery. Col. McElroy said today he would be glad to get the services of the High School Cadets to help in this work.

Stephen E. Kramer, assistant superintendent of public schools, who has direct charge of the High School Cadets, is today selecting those who are to act as ushers on the stand at Lafayette Square and as aids on the court of honor during the G. A. R. encampment. One boy from each school will act as organizer for the group chosen from the school. About seventy-five boys are to serve.

The first meeting of those who are to register the veterans, which will be held at 4:30 p.m., when they will be assigned to the various posts, and appeal to all Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and children of veterans who are willing to volunteer for this work to attend this meeting.

## Extent of Proposed Parade.

It was announced today that the Grand Army parade will continue from the Peace Monument past the President's reviewing stand at the White House to 15th street. It had previously been understood that it was to disband at 17th street. Dr. Louis J. Battle, chairman of the medical committee, today again called attention to the fact that if the veterans who participate in the parade are to be accommodated on the Avenue, will continue down the side street to the field hospital tent on the White Lot, they will receive a lot of rest and refreshment and be afforded an opportunity to rest comfortably after their march. Shannon & Luchs today donated a big sign for the field hospital.

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## Advance Guard Here.

The advance guard of veterans is beginning to come to Washington. Col. McElroy estimated today that already there are 500 of the old soldiers in the capital. The majority of these are men who since the war have met with business success in life, either as farmers or in other occupations, and who make their annual pilgrimage to the grand review every year. Accompanied by their wives or other members of their families, they have been making a tour of some of the famous battlefields, and are now here resting up for encampment week.

Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago, a veteran of the civil war, is to arrive at the New Exhibit Hotel Sunday next to take active part in the annual encampment of the G. A. R. Bishop Fallows served as colonel and brevet brigadier general in the great conflict. He is the author of several volumes.

Dr. Thomas D. Christie, who commanded one of the crack batteries in the war from 1861 to 1865, and for the last forty years has been in charge of the Grand Army of the Republic, is expected to be a speaker Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 10th and G streets northwest. Dr. Christie preached in this church thirty-five years ago.

Dr. Christie spent today visiting Brightwood and looking over the historic spot where his battery was in action fifty years ago.

## Distribution of Badges.

Thomas Grant, the secretary of the citizens' committee, sent out notices today to all the members of the committee requesting them to come to the Chamber of Commerce rooms before Saturday for their badges. There have been 400 badges reserved for them and the charge is 50 cents to cover the cost of production.

There is to be a meeting of the information public comfort committee tomorrow noon at the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Frank E. Gibson has called a meeting of the entertainment committee to wind up its affairs Thursday evening when the badges will be distributed.

**To Honor Memory of Gen. Grant.**

Regret is expressed by leaders among the veterans that it has been

## GUARD OF HONOR TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DAVID J. PALMER IN G. A. A. PARADE SEPTEMBER 29.



U. S. GRANT POST, 327, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

## CROWDED SCHOOLS FOR SOME SECTIONS

**General Conditions Over District Will Be Known by End of Week.**

## 47,361 CHILDREN ENTER ON FIRST DAY OF YEAR

**Central Shows Greatest Increase Among High Schools—Non-Residents Get Free Tuition.**

Just how badly Washington's public schools will be overcrowded this year probably will not be known exactly until the end of the week. The enrollment is expected to increase by a large number each day until that time.

Official figures of the opening yesterday show that 47,361 were enrolled, an increase of 4,436 last year. Central High School had the largest increase of any individual school, enrolling 1,123 pupils, as against 761 last year. McKinley Manual Training School and Eastern High School showed slight increases, while Western and Business High schools showed slight decreases.

White schools enrolled 34,010 children, while 13,351 were taken into the colored schools. These figures both showed increases over those of last year—32,220 and 13,216, respectively.

**Precaution Is Taken.**

The Chevy Chase and Takoma Park schools were in the line for the great overcrowding, the law compelling non-residents of Washington to pay tuition fees having been abolished. This is bringing in large numbers of suburban children. Supt. Ernest L. Thurston guarded against this as much as possible, however, by giving directions whereby the interests of the pupils coming from the District were given consideration. "Subject to transfer to another building if need be," he is quoted as saying, "it is needed to accommodate applicant from the District of Columbia." In the case of overcrowding in the suburban schools these non-resident pupils will be sent to schools farther in where the crowding is not so great.

White schools covering 4,000 pupils are expected to develop greatest during the course of the week are in the divisions covering Columbia Heights and Anacostia, and in Columbia Heights.

**Enrollment Figures.**

Following are the figures of enrollment for this year and the total for last:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Central High...	1,123	1,123	2,246
McKinley Manual Training School...	761	761	1,522
Eastern High...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Western High...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Business High...	1,123	1,123	2,246
McKibbin...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Wilson...	1,123	1,123	2,246
First division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Second division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Third division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Fourth division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Fifth division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Sixth division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Seventh division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Eighth division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Ninth division...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Practice classes...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Smallwood Vocational...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Wisconsin...	1,123	1,123	2,246
Opening day...	1,123	1,123	2,246

	Boys	Girls	Total
M Street High...	290	290	580
Central High...	290	290	580
Philp Business...	41	41	82
Miles Normal...	41	41	82
Division...	2,246	2,246	4,492
Tenth...	2,246	2,246	4,492
Eleventh...	2,246	2,246	4,492
Twelfth...	2,246	2,246	4,492
O Street Vocational...	2,246	2,246	4,492
Cardozo Vocational...	2,246	2,246	4,492

## OLDEST PENNSYLVANIA POST IS COMING HERE

**George G. Meade Post, No. 1, to Take Prominent Part in G. A. R. Encampment.**

George G. Meade Post, No. 1, the oldest post in the Department of Pennsylvania, has been invited to take active part in the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic celebration here next week. This post was organized October 18, 1866.

Henry I. Yohn, adjutant of Meade Post, served in Company G, 1st United States Cavalry, during the civil war and on the Arizona frontier. His headquarters during the encampment will be at the Cochran Hotel, where he will be pleased to meet old comrades.

The charter of Meade Post bears the signature of B. F. Stephenson, founder of the Grand Army of the Republic. Its roster contains the names of 1,150 living and dead comrades, of whom 202 comrades remain in good standing upon its rolls. The names of many men distinguished in state and nation appear in Meade Post's roster. There can be found that of Gen. U. S. Grant, who joined Meade Post, May 16, 1877, as well as the names of two Congressmen and former Speakers of the House of Representatives, Gen. H. H. Bingham and Capt. Samuel J. Randall; also those of Gen. James (Jimmy) Oakes, Gen. Charles L. Lieper, Gen. St. Clair A. Mulholland, Gen. S. H. Hunkeler, Gen. Charles L. Cooper and Gen. S. W. Fountain.

**Post Furnishes Jurists.**

Meade Post has furnished from its ranks some of the ablest jurists in Pennsylvania and five of the postmasters of Philadelphia.

The post will participate in the parade Saturday 29 under Isaac R. Oakes (U. S. N.), commander, with sixty-five comrades and thirty members of Camp 249, Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania, carrying the old battle flag of the post and led by the United States Soldiers' Home Band of twenty-seven pieces, Capt. John S. M. Zimmermann, director.

The post will leave Philadelphia by special train at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, September 29. Its headquarters here will be at the Cochran Hotel, 14th and K streets. At that evening a two-hour concert will be given under the auspices of the post at the Cochran Hotel. Capt. Zimmermann's band and Mrs. John B. Evans of Lackawanna, Carbondale, Pa., will render patriotic music and songs.

## British Diplomat Coming Here.

MEXICO CITY, September 21.—Thomas B. Hohler, British charge d'affaires here, will leave today for Washington. He said that he did not know the reason for his summons to the United States. He expects to remain there a week and then return to Mexico.

## Steamer Collinge Goes Ashore.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., September 21.—The steamer Collinge, Capt. Peterson, loaded with coal and bound from Oswego to Toronto, went ashore during a storm on a bar a few miles west of Charlotte early this morning. All efforts to release the steamer were unsuccessful today, and more tugs have gone to her assistance. Should the storm develop it is feared the steamer will go to pieces, as she is full length on the bar.

## GRANT POST, NO. 327, TO BE HONORARY ESCORT TO BE HONORARY ESCORT TO COMING FROM ARKANSAS TO ATTEND THE REUNION

**Will March Directly in Front of Commander-in-Chief Palmer in G. A. R. Parade.**

Washington is represented in U. S. Grant Post, No. 327, of Brooklyn, which is to be the honorary escort to the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army in the parade here Wednesday of next week, by James Tanner, register of the city, a past commander-in-chief of the G. A. R.

In the parade U. S. Grant Post will march directly in front of Commander-in-Chief Palmer, led by the Marine Band.

Grant Post has had the distinction of honoring its late commander, Gen. Grant's death of conducting the service at his tomb on Memorial day. It formed the guard of honor around his bed immediately after his death, dressed him in his grave clothes, placed him in his coffin and handled the coffin from Mount McGregor, Ohio, to Riverside, N. Y.

## History of the Post.

U. S. Grant Post was organized January 30, 1883, and designated as Post No. 327 of Brooklyn. The first meeting for the purpose of organization was held at Everett Hall, No. 395 Fulton street, Brooklyn, January 30, 1883. Commander C. W. Cowtan of Winchester Post, being the presiding officer. Members of other posts, principally from Rankin Post, were received and formally admitted at that meeting by the name of U. S. Grant. This request was promptly complied with, and on the evening of Gen. Grant's death the post met and formally adopted the name U. S. Grant.

Following this action of the post, a committee of three members was appointed, with instructions to proceed to Mount McGregor, where Gen. Grant died, and tender the services of the post to the stricken family as a guard of honor and escort at the funeral of the illustrious soldier.

This committee was composed of Comrades Henry W. Knight, Theodore B. Gates and William H. Barker. They succeeded in their mission and at once delegations from the post were appointed to Mount McGregor and took charge of the remains and guarded them day and night, marched with them in the great funeral processions from Mount McGregor to Saratoga, Albany and New York city, until they were deposited in the temporary tomb at Riverside.

In 1887, when the present tomb was dedicated and the remains of Gen. Grant were deposited in the sarcophagus, the post participated in the ceremony, thus concluding the service of the final internment.

**Turks Claim Artillery Successes.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, September 21, via London.—An official statement issued by the Turkish war office today reports some minor artillery successes on the Dardanelles front.

## MEETING PLACES ANNOUNCED.

**Dates for Reunion G. A. R. Week Are Given Out.**

Capt. Robert Armour, chairman of the reunion committee of the 9th Corps, requests that all comrades of that corps meet at G. A. R. Hall tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The twenty-third annual reunion of "Scott's 90th" New York Volunteer Cavalry Association, will be held at Howard University Tuesday of next week at 10 a.m. All members of the old regiment are invited to attend. T. H. Smith is secretary.

The Twenty-second New York Cavalry Association will hold its reunion in this city, with headquarters at the Cochran Hotel, 14th and K streets northwest. Several members of the 1st Massachusetts H. A. Regiment will go to Frederickburg from the Union station during encampment week, and from there to the Hornsby Hotel, near Spotsylvania Court House. It is uncertain what day, but probably Thursday morning, the post will march to Washington. Notice will be left in the Hotel Raleigh Monday evening in regard to the date of trip. L. B. Dearborn is assistant secretary.

## C. F. Nesbit's Paper to Be Read.

In Monterey, Cal., tomorrow a paper by Charles F. Nesbit, superintendent of insurance of the District, will be read at the national convention of insurance commissioners. Mr. Nesbit will not attend the conference, but has forwarded a paper on the subject of "Wherein Have Insurance Conditions Improved During the Past Twenty Years?" dealing particularly with the subject of state supervision.

## HIGH MILITARY HONORS FOR LOST CREW OF F-4

**Seventeen Unidentified Bodies Will Be Buried at Arlington Next Week.**

High military honors will mark the burial in Arlington national cemetery next week of the seventeen unidentified bodies recovered from the ill-fated submarine F-4, which sank in the harbor of Honolulu. Only four of the bodies recovered were identified. They will be buried in cemeteries designated by relatives. All the others, now at San Francisco, will be brought to this city for burial at Arlington. Among the unidentified bodies is that of Lieut. Alfred L. Edge, who commanded the vessel. His widow is in this city.

Secretary Daniels conferred today with Rear Admiral Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, relative to the making of arrangements for the military reception of the bodies at the Union station and their transfer to the cemetery, where funeral services will be held. It is expected that all the available dignitaries will participate in the funeral ceremonies.

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